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Dockets Management Branch
The Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services, Rm. 1-23
12420 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: 99P-1340/CP-1
Petition to Have "Eternity eau de parfum" Misbranded

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May 1999, the Environmental Health Network (EHN) submitted the above petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de parfum" declared misbranded. I am writing because I fully support this petition and request that the FDA give it careful attention with regard to your regulations 21CFR Sec. 740.1, 21CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulation 21CFR Sec. 740.10 specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: "Warning--The safety of this product has not been determined."

As the petition shows, "Eternity" contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety have not been substantiated. There is no warning label on its packaging.

Consumers have a right to know the status of safety testing of the ingredients in products such as "Eternity" so that we can protect ourselves and our families from toxic chemicals that may cause health problems. Most people are not aware that most fragrance materials have only limited safety testing. They wrongfully assume these products are safe to use in any setting and are surprised when people complain.

Like tobacco smoke, the harmful chemicals currently used in these products may affect the health of many people including: people with asthma, allergies, chemical sensitivities, chronic fatigue, and other environmental illnesses. Children are particularly vulnerable to toxic chemicals found in products.

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purchased and used by their parents, care givers, and teachers. Those who involuntarily inhale the fragrances of others suffer needlessly.

When I am exposed to fragrance products such as "Eternity, I experience:

I HAVE COPD, CHF ETC, I GET WATERY EYES
AND BEGIN COUGHING - VERTIGO AND MORE!

Please act on behalf of the millions of people who have suffered physical illness and injury resulting from fragrance exposure at work, at school, in medical treatment facilities, and in social settings. Toxic chemicals in fragrances act as powerful barriers to people disabled by asthma and chemical sensitivities. As a result, many lives have been seriously impacted. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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